

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 **NAVNEET SHARDA, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 27157  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-11-1683A

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND  
AND CONSENT TO THE SAME**

7 Navneet Sharda, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a  
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand; admits the  
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order  
10 by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 27157 for the practice of  
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-11-1683A after receiving Respondent's  
17 December 2011 renewal application in which he disclosed that he was reprimanded by the  
18 Nevada Medical Board on September 9, 2011.

19 4. On October 5, 2007, a 70 year-old colon cancer patient presented to  
20 Respondent with severe headaches. An MRI of October 25, 2007 showed a stable left  
21 parietal meningioma. The findings were not mentioned in the patient's medical records and  
22 there was no further work up completed or consultations obtained.

23 5. The patient completed five weeks of radiation therapy for suspected brain  
24 metastasis on November 5, 2007. The medical records contain no indication that the risks,  
25 benefits and alternatives of radiation therapy were discussed prior to the initiation of

1 treatment. Respondent subsequently started the patient on radiation therapy for suspected  
2 lung cancer, and the patient completed eight weeks of therapy.

3 6. Subsequent MRIs obtained in January 2008 revealed multiple Tarlov cysts  
4 and showed no evidence of metastatic disease. A lumbar MRI indicated an enhancing  
5 sacral mass suspected to be a bone metastasis or bone tumor in the lumbar region.  
6 Respondent's records state that palliative radiation to the sacrum was planned, but there is  
7 no indication that the therapy took place.

8 7. The patient's headaches recurred, and in December 2008, the patient  
9 underwent neurosurgical resection of the brain tumor that pathology reports later identified  
10 as a meningioma. The patient subsequently developed leg weakness which the  
11 neurosurgeon stated was due to the radiation therapy.

12 8. On September 9, 2011, the Nevada Medical Board reprimanded Respondent  
13 for initiating early radiation therapy to the brain of a colon cancer patient. Nevada also  
14 found that Respondent failed to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical  
15 records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of the patient. The Nevada Board's  
16 Order also included a fine of \$2,000 and a requirement for Respondent to complete 2  
17 hours of CME in medical recordkeeping and the remaining eight hours in his specialty.  
18 Respondent was also ordered to reimburse the investigative costs in the amount of  
19 \$3,163.36.

#### 20 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

21 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
22 Respondent.

23 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
24 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("[Action that is taken against a doctor of  
25 medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or

1 physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical  
2 incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that  
3 corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this  
4 paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a  
5 license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise  
6 limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on  
7 probation by that jurisdiction").

8 **ORDER**

9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

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11 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 7th day of June, 2012.

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13 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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15 By 

16 Lisa S. Wynn  
Executive Director

17 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

18 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the  
19 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent  
20 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

21 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely  
22 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

23 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to  
24 a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge  
25 this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action  
related thereto or arising from said Order.

1           4.     The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its  
2 Executive Director.

3           5.     All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
4 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
5 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
6 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
7 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
8 any other state or federal court.

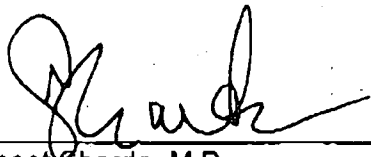
9           6.     Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)  
10 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of  
11 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
12 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
13 by the parties.

14          7.     This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal  
15 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data  
16 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

17          8.     If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the  
18 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

19          9.     If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a  
20 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,  
21 prejudgment or other similar defense.

22          10.    Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result  
23 in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation,  
24 consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive  
25 director under this chapter") and 32-1451.

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2 Navneet Sharda, M.D.

DATED: 4/23/2012

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4 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
5 this 23 day of April, 2012 to:

6 Navneet Sharda, M.D.  
7 Address of Record

8 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
9 this 23 day of April, 2012 with:

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